

## ABSTRACT OF THE INVENTION

### METHOD FOR PROVIDING PLATFORM INDEPENDENT BUSINESS RULES

5           A method for providing platform independent business rules include encoding  
business rules in extensible style language translator ("XSLT"), thereby creating a  
platform independent XSLT business rule component, is provided. The XSLT business  
rule component is loaded into or coupled with a platform dependent business engine,  
which results in a platform dependent business engine whose behavior is based on the  
10 platform independent business rules. In particular, the method provides a way to produce  
or obtain a number of platform dependent business engines whose core behavior can be  
based on the same platform independent business rules. In addition, when the business  
rules change, the platform dependent business engines can be updated by encoding the  
changed business rules in XSLT. Similarly, XSLT encoded business rules can be used  
15 drive the core behavior of a common business service ("CBS") unit.

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